

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. 14-29

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Joshua Riggs Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 22821 Ridge Road not for publication

city, town vicinity

county

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Katherine Davenny and David Wyner

street and number 22821 Ridge Road

telephone

city, town

state

zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

liber

folio

city, town

tax map

tax parcel

tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Joshua Riggs Farm is accessed from a long driveway off Ridge Road (Rt. 27). A driveway that once connected the house with Davis Mill Road, to the east, is now abandoned.

The tee-shaped house, facing southwest, is built into a hillside, with the rear ell facing downhill.

The outbuildings are located northwest of the residence, generally arranged along the driveway. The foundations of a springhouse stand east of the house near a tributary of the Wildcat Branch. The driveway apparently continued from its present terminus, to a point south of the house, then due east past the springhouse to Davis Mill Road. A pond was installed in the 20th century with a dam that disturbed the landscape of the driveway bed.

A historic gable front outbuilding, facing southeast, stands north of the house. Judging by the darkened upper timbers on the interior, it appears to have been a smokehouse, though it is larger than usual. At some point, windows were added on each side. Historic double doors have been fitted to the front façade.

Two non-contributing outbuildings stand further northwest along the driveway. A gambrel roof barn, dating from the last quarter of the 20th century, has two vehicular bays facing the driveway. A hip roofed, Classical Revival structure, dating from the same period, currently serves as a guesthouse and music hall. The current owners finished the building with flooring and ceiling and installed a bathroom.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The house was built about 1902 by Burwell Linthicum, replacing a c1839 log house built by Joshua Riggs. The residence has been altered with stucco siding, and replacement windows and doors. A clapboard outbuilding, likely a smokehouse, has had windows and doors installed. Linthicum also built a bank barn (illustrated in *Places from the Past*) that collapsed after mid-1970s. A springhouse was located near Davis Mill Rd. The property has had a succession of owners since 1940.

Burwell H. Linthicum owned the property from September 1902 until 1928. (TD 22:472) When he purchased it in 1902, Linthicum paid the Riggs family \$2,550.36 for 108 acres. Linthicum foreclosed on the property in 1928. ¹ (454:355)

There had already been a farmstead on the property. In 1839, Joshua Riggs paid \$700 for 87.5 acres. He obtained the land from Nacey and Ruth Griffith. The tract of land called Cow Pasture, nearly 4,000 acres, was originally surveyed for Henry Griffith in 1761. (JA 6:351. Boyds History p.47) Riggs expanded his farm in 1860 with an additional 46.5 acres. (BS 9:571. Riggs paid \$550 for part of Good Spring and part Cow Pasture. He obtained the land from Philip G M Griffith and others.)

There was a bank barn built on the property about 1905. Photographs from the collection of Milton Tabler show its construction. (See *Places from the Past*) The barn no longer stands.

Edward M and Mary J. Beall owned the farm from 1928-1940 (454:355; 801:423) There has been a succession of owners. The property is now owned by David Wyner and Katherine Davenny who acquired it in 1996. (13938:218)

¹ Mike Dwyer Interview with the Stapps, who owned the house in the 1970s. Joshua Riggs died in 1879. His widow Edith, 85, died in December 1897. (Genealogical Abstracts, pp318-19.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Michael Dwyer, Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form, 14-29, 1974.
Genealogical Abstracts, pp318-19.
Interview with Katherine Davenney, 7-2002, by Clare Cavicchi.
1900 census, transcript by Dona Cuttler.
Deeds, Land Records Office, Montgomery County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 9.79 acres
Acreage of historical setting
Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale:

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Clare Kelly Cavicchi

organization M-NCPPC

date July 2004

street & number 8787 Georgia Ave

telephone 301-563-3400

city or town Silver Spring

state

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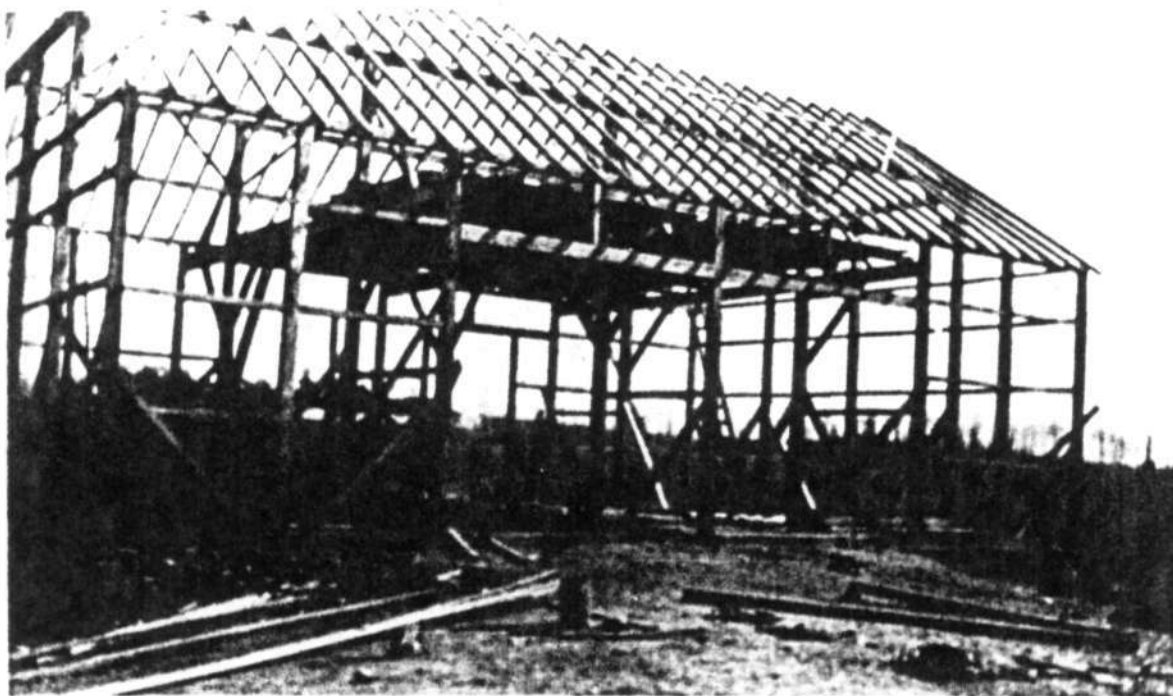
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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14.29 BANK BARN (DEMOLISHED)



14.29 BANK BARN UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
C1905

Completed Barn at old Watkins Farm (Stapp now) Cedar Grove, Ind.
Photo from Milton table

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Barn Raising at old Watkins Farm (Stapp now) Cedar Grove, Ind.
(Photo from Milton table of Cedar Grove)

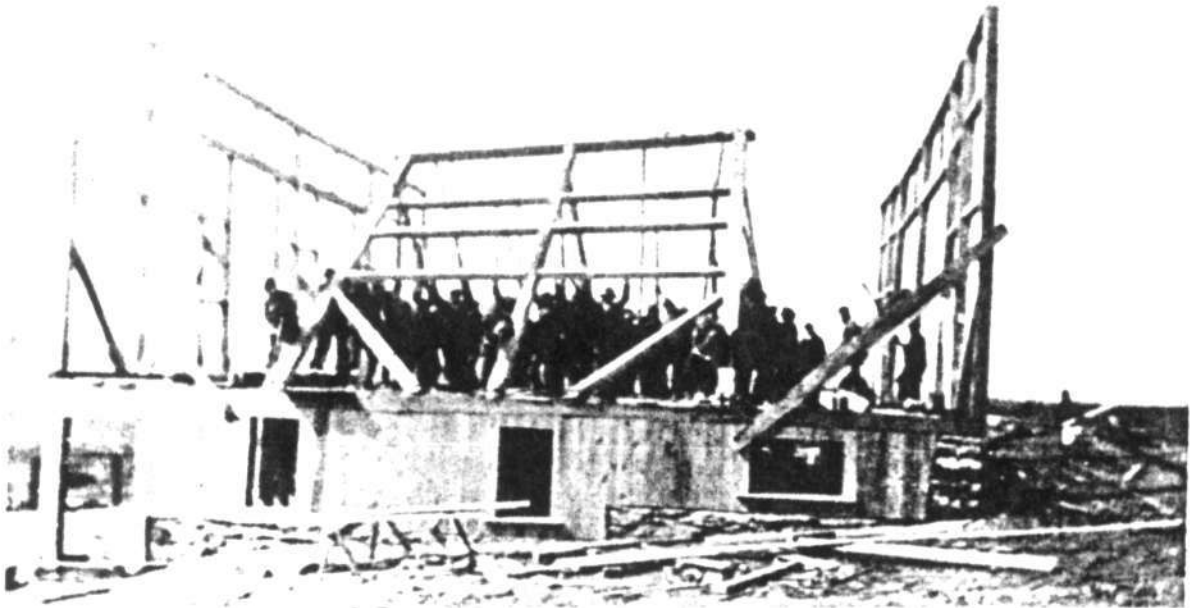
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C1905 CONSTRUCTION OF 14-29 BARN (NOW DEMOL'D)



(Stapp Farm) Barn Raising at old Millstone Farm off road mill rd
Photo from Milton Station of Cedar Grove
M: 14-29 C1905

JOSHUA RIGGS HOUSE

Barn Raising at old Millstone Farm (Stapp Farm Cedar Grove, Tenn)
M: 14-29 C1905

Mike Dwyer files

Clare Kelly Cavich

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NOTE TO FILE

Historic Sites Research and/or Photography
By Clare Lise Kelly, M-NCPPC
Formerly Clare Lise Cavicchi
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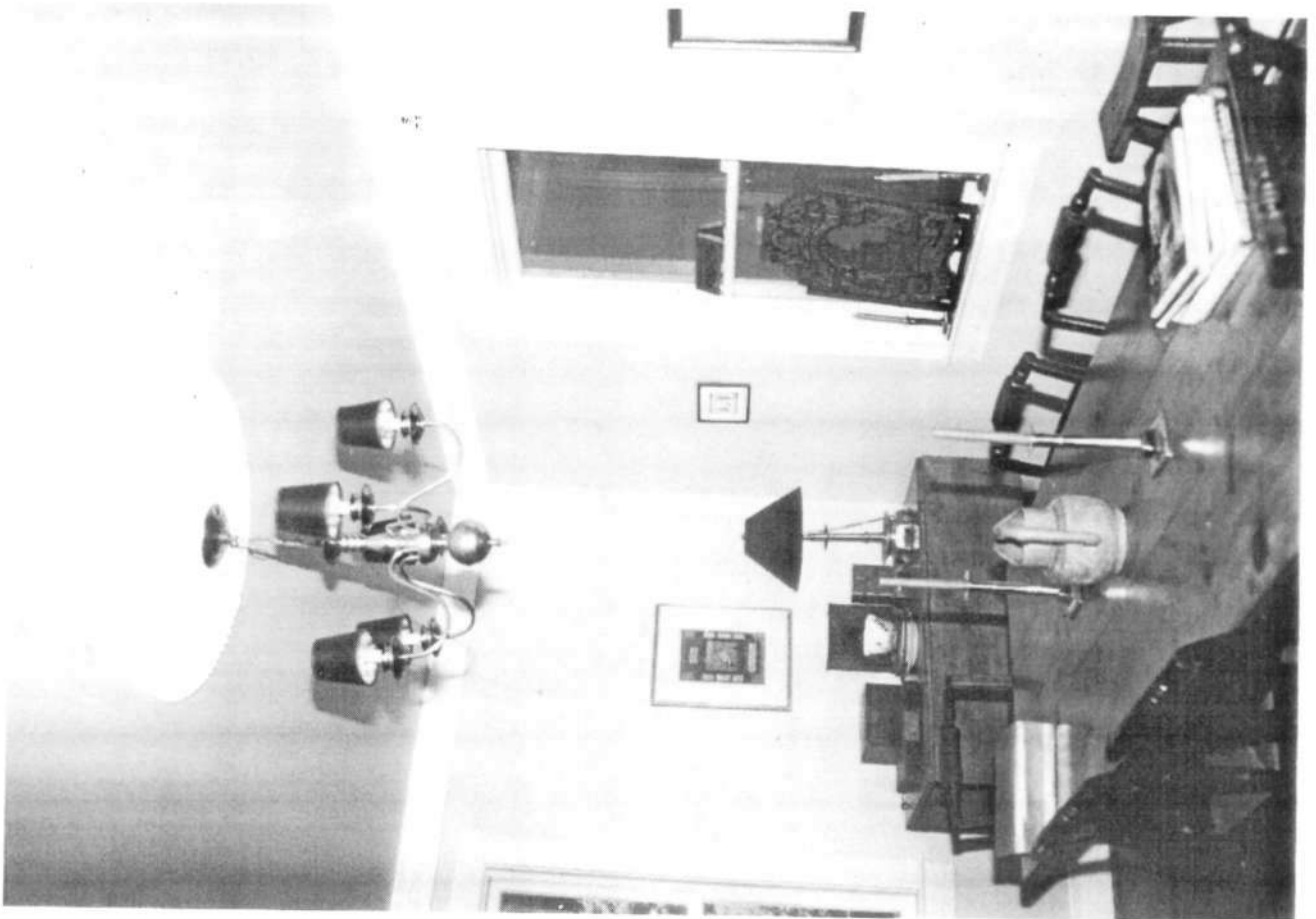
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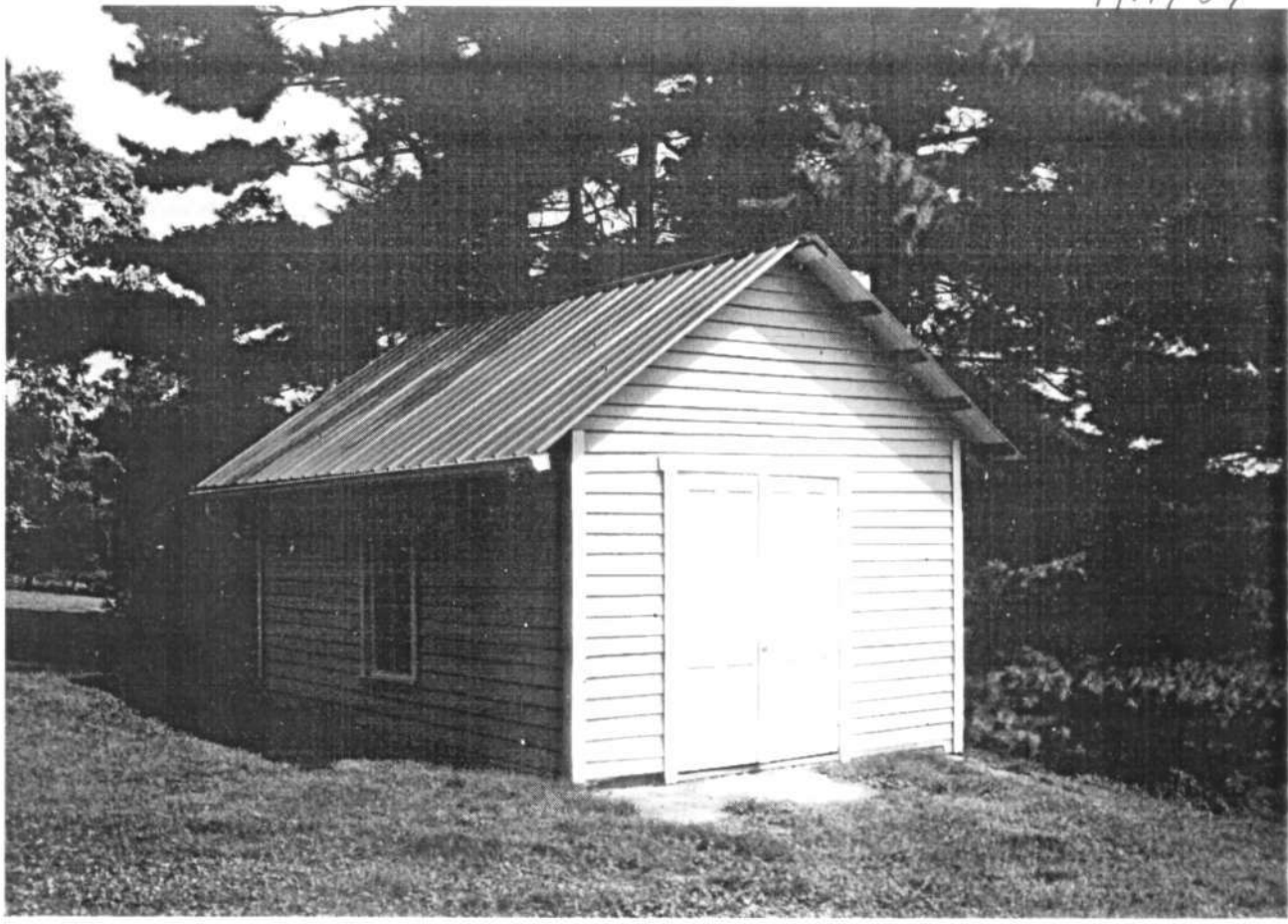
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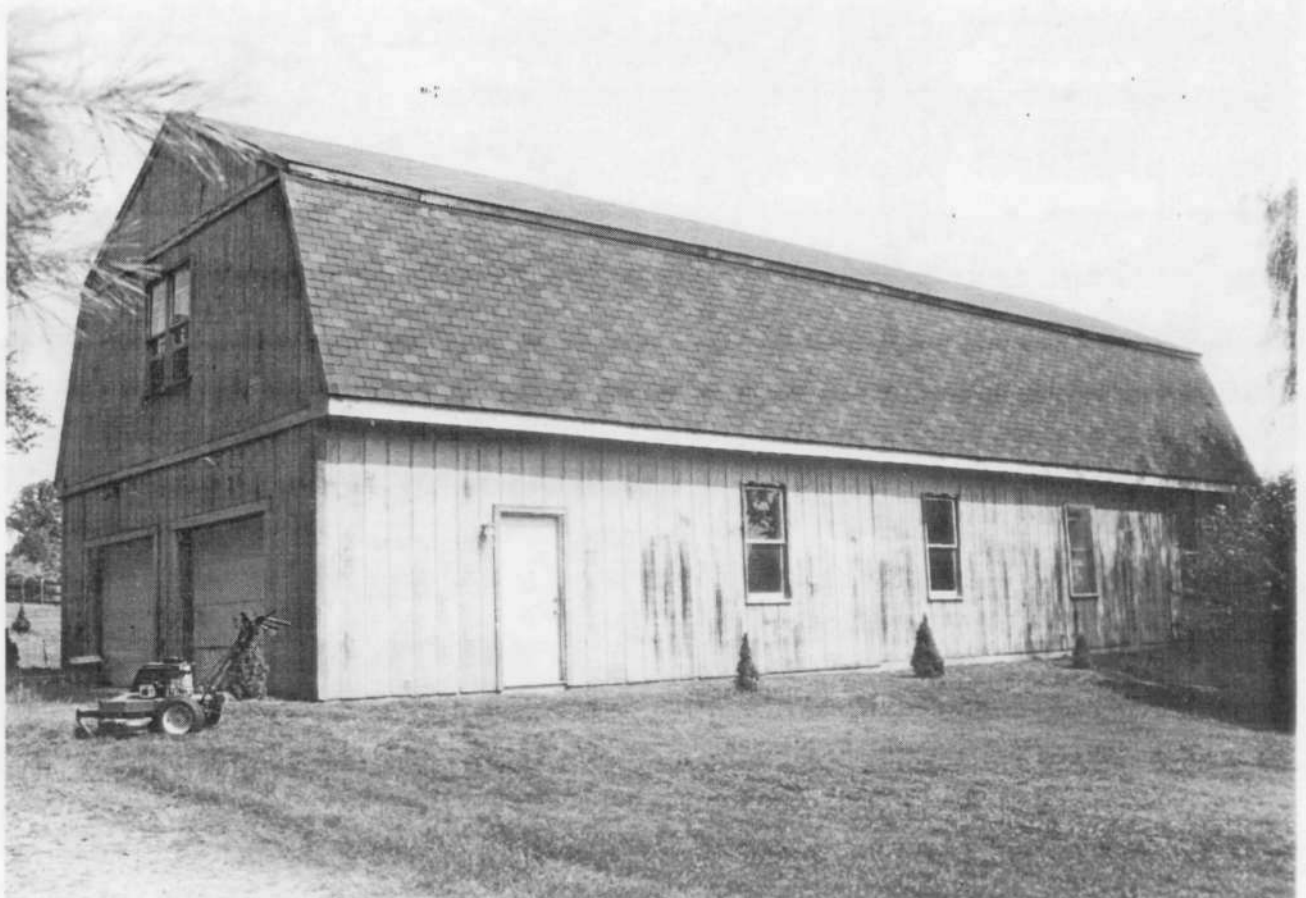
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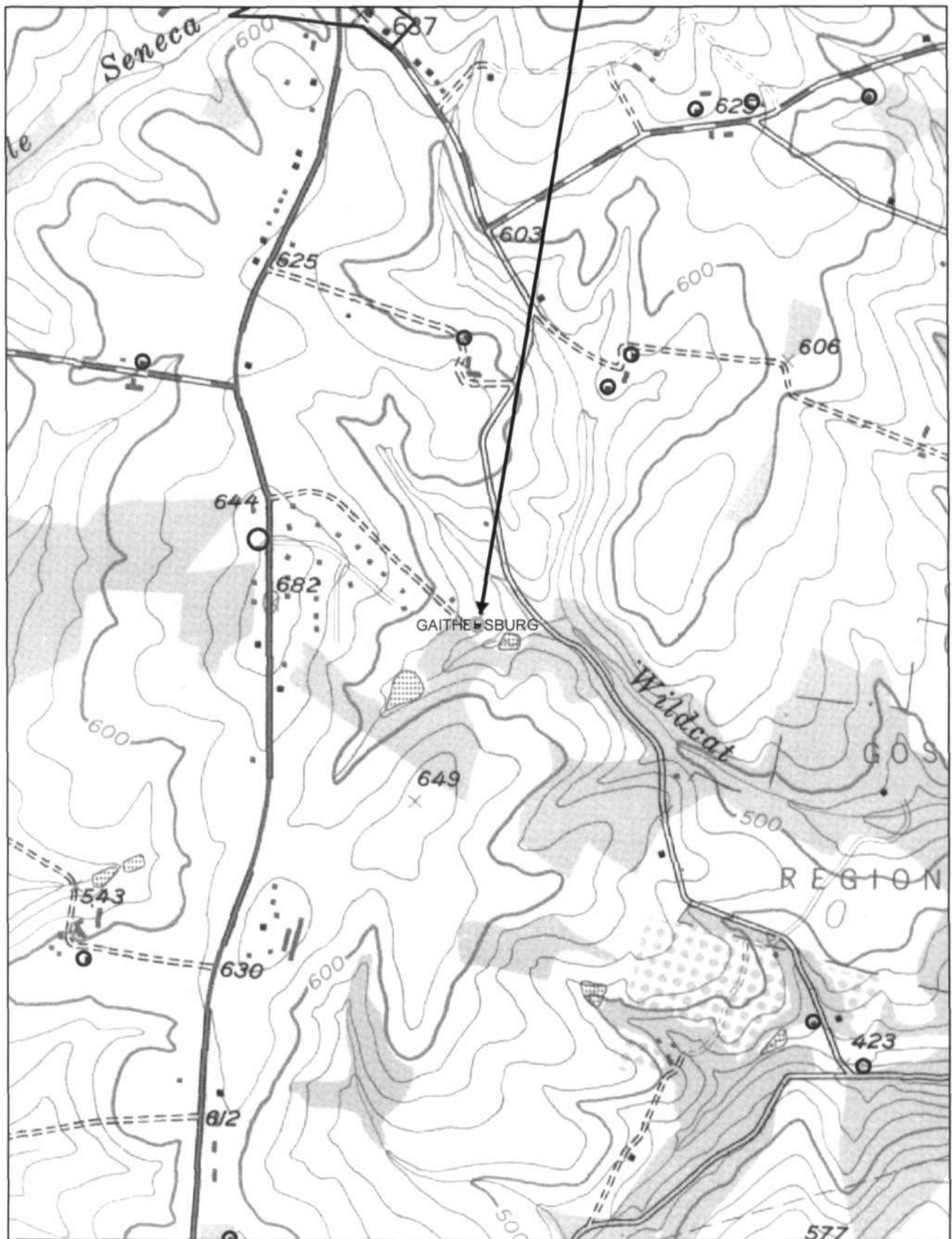
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CLARE CAVICCHI

7-23-2002



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Joshua Riggs House, site
22821 Ridge Road
Germantown, Montgomery County
Germantown Quad



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Joshua Riggs-Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

off Rte. 27, near Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Cedar Grove

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Cap't. Aron L. Stapp, U.S.N.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

22821 Ridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Cedar Grove

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

CONDITION

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a typical, local frame farmhouse, although it was built later than most of similar styling. It is a three-bay (south facade) house of two stories, with a one-story open porch. A small, two-story ell extends from the NW corner of the main house.

An old barn nearby was built ca. 1905, and Mr. Tabler, of Cedar Grove, has photos showing its construction.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the Stapps, this house is only about 70 years old, and replaced the old log house, formerly lived in by Joshua Riggs during the 19th Century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

3/22/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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